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PATENT
Attorney Docket No. 2610-42

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Takaaki Matsuda et al.) Group Art Unit: 1713
Application No.: 10/510,571) Examiner: Roberto Rabago
Filed: October 8, 2004)
For: Modified Polymers and) Confirmation No.: 9018
Compositions Containing the Same)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action of January 17, 2007, Applicants elect Group I and claims 1-19 for further prosecution in this application.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application on non-elected claims 20-46.

In response to the requirement for an election of species, Applicants elect polymer 1-B as the base polymer and functional group (I). All of the elected claims 1-19 are readable on the elected species.

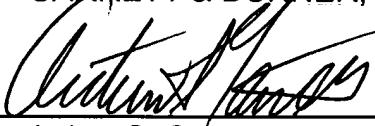
It is understood that the claims will only have to be restricted to the elected species in the event a generic claim is not found to be allowable.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this Response and charge
any additional required fees to Deposit Account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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